

# RESULTS

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Town of Sheffield Thursday, May 30, 2019  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

A Special Town Meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM. There were 67 of the Town's 2,375 registered voters in attendance. Moderator William Tighe opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by introduction of the Town Administrator Rhonda LaBombard, Selectboard members Nadine A. Hawver, Rene C. Wood and Martin C. Mitsoff. Additionally he acknowledged Finance Committee members Colin Smith, Emily Davis and Kenneth Smith. Moderator Tighe offered an overview of how the evening's proceedings would be.

Moderator William Tighe made a motion to dispense with the Town Clerk's reading of the Warrant. It was seconded. *The motion passed by majority vote.*

**ARTICLE 1:** On a motion by Rene C. Wood, seconded by Martin C. Mitsoff, to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 64G, §3A which will authorize the Town to impose a local excise tax upon the transfer of occupancy of any room or rooms in a bed and breakfast establishment, hotel, lodging house, short-term rental or motel located within the Town by an operator at a rate of six per cent (6%) of the total amount of rent for each such occupancy. After a much discussion expressing views, from both those for and against, a vote was taken. Unable to make a determination, Moderator Tighe requested a hand count by the clerks. *The final results were Yes: 33; No: 26. The motion passed.*

**ARTICLE 2:** On a motion by Nadine A. Hawver, seconded by Rene C. Wood, to adjust the real property tax exemption allowed pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 59, §5K, as previously accepted by a vote under Article 29 of the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, for a program allowing persons over the age of 60 to volunteer to provide services to the Town in exchange for which the Town shall reduce the real property tax obligations of such persons, by increasing the reduction of the real property tax bill so that it shall not exceed \$1,500 in a given tax year pursuant to the statute as amended. *The motion passed by majority.*

**ARTICLE 3:** On a motion by Martin C. Mitsoff, seconded by Nadine A. Hawver, to transfer the sum of \$20,000 from the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund for repairs at the Transfer Station, including any incidental and related costs. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**ARTICLE 4:** On a motion by Rene C. Wood, seconded by Martin C. Mitsoff, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a ten (10) year contract, commencing on July 1, 2020 with the qualified vendor selected by MassDEP through a competitive bid process for recycling processing services for the Town, subject to the Board of Selectmen's determination that the contract is in the best interests of the Town and subject to Town Meeting approval for funding for these services. *The motion passed unanimously.*

*On a motion by William Tighe, Moderator to adjourn, seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

Felecie Joyce, Town Clerk, CMMC